

Notice of Allowability

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Examiner

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 9-12-07.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 7, 8, 10, 13-16, 23-28 and 33-38.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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 5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
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6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date 9-13-07.
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____


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SUPERVISORY PATENT EXAMINER

DETAILED ACTION

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. John J. Oskorep on 9-12-07.

The application has been amended as follows:

A): Claims 1-6,9,11-12,17-22 and 29-32 have been canceled.

B): Claim 7 has been amended as follows:

A method of providing consistency in Short Message Service (SMS) message timestamp formatting for mobile communication devices, comprising:

providing a removable user identity module for a mobile communication device;

and

providing a timestamp mode indicator field in the removable user identify module for storing a programmed indication which is programmed as fixed value to indicate a timestamp mode of operation of a home message center of the mobile communication device as one of a coordinated universal time (UTC) mode and a non-UTC mode, the programmed indication being programmed as the fixed value for use with SMS

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message timestamps of each one of a plurality of SMS messages communicated between the home message center and the mobile communication device;

using the programmed indication in the timestamp mode indicator field for determining whether to convert each SMS message timestamp into non-UTC format;

convert the timestamp data from a UTC format to a non-UTC format corresponding to a local time zone of the mobile station when the programmed indicator which is programmed as the fixed value in the removable user identity module indicates that the timestamp mode of operation of the home message center is the UTC mode, the conversion being, performed based on a programmed memory setting in the mobile station which indicates the local time zone of the mobile station; and

refrain from performing UTC-to-non-UTC format conversion of the timestamp data when the programmed indicator in the removable user identity module indicates that the timestamp mode of operation of the home message center is the non-UTC mode.

C): Claim 26 has been amended as follows:

The mobile equipment of claim 23, wherein the [processor is further operative to] programmed memory setting which indicates the local time zone is utilized as an input to a conversion table stored in memory to thereby identify a time offset value for performing the conversion.

D): Claim 35 has been amended as follows:

The method of claim 33, wherein the programmed memory setting which indicates the local time zone is utilized as an input to a conversion table stored in memory to thereby identify a time offset value for performing the conversion.

Allowable Subject Matter

2. Claims 7-8,10,13-16,23-28,33-38 are allowed.
3. Claims 7-8,10,13-16,23-28,33-38 are allowed, in view of Applicant's amendments and arguments filed 08-06-07.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Khawar Iqbal whose telephone number is 571-272-7909.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, GEORGE ENG can be reached on (571) 272-7495. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.


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